STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).

REGULAR MEETING August 11, 2020

PRESENT Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Dennis Shupak and Tyrel

Hamilton, members.

Others Present: Mark Schreiner, Road & Bridge; Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Carol Arkell, DES; Joe Morse, Finance; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Emily

Schabacher, Stillwater County News.

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES August 4, 2020. Commissioner Shupak MOVED to approve the minutes. Commissioner

Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Commissioner Crago announced that Stillwater County is now up to 5 active COVID cases

and there is now one death related to COVID. Per the Governors Directive masks are now required. Commissioner Crago reminded everyone to wear masks when social distancing is not available. Carol Arkell announced there were three fires related to lightning strikes within the last week, one of which was a hundred acres. Fire restrictions will remain at Stage 1. Education campaigns will be conducted by the Columbus Fire Chief to educate the communities on fire safety. Due to the dryness there is a potential for Red Flag Warnings.

The Falling Star Fire did go to FMAG and will be turned into FEMA.

CONSENT AGENDA Road & Bridge

A) Task Order No. 13 Gravel Pit Surveys

B) City County Impound Lot Fencing Project in the Amount of \$5447.50 (County Share)

FILE ITEMS <u>Justice Court</u>

A) Report for the Month of July in the Amount of \$16,861.50

Clerk & Recorder

A) Report for the Month of July in the Amount of \$8037.10

Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. No Discussion <u>Motion passed unanimously.</u>

REGULAR BUSINESS HR/Finance

A) Setting Mills for FY 2021- Joe Morse explained that valuations were received last Monday and they were above last years valuations. Maximum mills authorized were calculated. Aggregate authorized mills is 113.93 and for Road and Fire it is 46.36. Mills will be distributed per the budget. Distributions will be available for viewing in the Clerk & Recorders Office and Mills should be available to set on August 25.

Commission

- A) American Wind Week Proclamation Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the adoption the proclamation for American Wind Week. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. No Discussion. <u>Motion passed unanimously.</u>
- B) Resolution 2020-27 Fire Emergency Declaration for Falling Star Fire
- C) Resolution 2020-28 Evacuation Declaration for Falling Star Fire
- D) Resolution 2020-29 Termination of Resolution 2020-27
- E) Resolution 2020-30 Rescinding Resolution 2020-28

Carol Arkell explained that there has to be an Emergency Declaration for the Falling Star Fire to get DNRC resources and since there was an evacuation, there also needed to be a rescinding resolution to release people to return to their homes. The termination resolution is to end the Emergency status of the fire. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to adopt resolutions 2020-27 through 2020-30. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

F) Absarokee Sewer RSID 5 & 7 Policy Update - Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the policy update. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this update some of the language in the policy. The main change is to the system hook up capacity. Additional connections will now be allowed. Transfers of hook ups will not be allowed at this time. There is now an application to repair the sewer connections as well Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Marlo question the reimbursement procedure for the Falling Star Fire. Carol explained that Stillwater County has to submit everything to FEMA and it does not go through DNRC. The County will be working with DNRC to obtain reimbursement.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder